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1. The Soviets are showing great interest in the idea of erecting several new synthetic fuel plants in the USSR proper. These plants are to operate on the Tropsch-Bergius System. Almost a year ago a planning office under Soviet supervision was established at the Leuna Works for the purpose of preparing the necessary drawings.
2. In the spring of 1946 a new office, which was given the name "Konstruktives Ingenieurbüro" (K.I.B.), was opened in Berlin on Markgrafenstrasse. This office took over the personnel previously employed at the Leuna Planning Office.
3. It is believed that the Soviets plan to erect five installations in the USSR with a capacity equivalent to three or four times that of the Pöhlitz plant whose maximum output was 450,000 tons per annum.

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